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FROM THE OCCUPIED PALESTINE

The representatives of the resistance and new intifada against the Zionist occupation have the word

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Below are a number of reports from our correspondents from the same clashes of the Palestinian Intifada, one of the most advanced fights of the global class struggle.

In 2014 we've already had the opportunity to see these bouts live and be a part of the struggle of Palestinian youth and exploited, at a time when the World Social Forum and the same PLO organizations were telling the masses that the solution to the occupation was in the Oslo accords; and while the struggle of the masses of the Maghreb and Middle East was shaking throughout the region, these same leaderships divided the struggle of the Palestinian cause from Syrian resistance fight; they considered that "Palestine unites US, Syria divides US", precisely because those organizations supported Al-Assad.

Though by the end of 2015, we saw another Palestine, that of a new intifada against the Zionist occupier, the Palestine of exploited Palestinians who see Syrian resistance –which is fighting against Al-Assad- as their ally.

Bombings by Saudi Arabia-led coalition against insurrectionist Yemen; attacks by Assad-Putin, ordered by Obama and the imperialists to crush the Syrian resistance; expressed in Palestine through an amplified occupation of the Palestinian land by the fascist settlers went so far as to burn alive the Dawabesheh family in their home. Meanwhile, the Zionist occupation troops imprisoned and murdered anyone who dared to stand up against the occupation.

This policy of Zionism is to expel the Palestinians from their own land. Today, with their firepower reduced to zero for the risk of lighting a powder keg that blows up the entire region, this expulsion is now a house-to-house meter to meter chore, as they did in 1948 in what was called the Nakba (catastrophe) by the Arabs, in which the Palestinians were driven out of their homes and territory and were confined in the Territories today known as the West Bank and Gaza or in the refugee camps in the diaspora.

The correspondents' reports now published show the Palestinian exploited revolutionary response to this imperialist counteroffensive, in which we Trotskyists have had the high honor to participate.

When this Intifada got up, at the same time Syrian resistance was trying to get to Damascus and the Yemeni people could not be controlled by the invasion.

Against the occupation and the brutal repression by the Zionists, the Palestinian youth rose at the forefront developing a heroic resistance; they fight for the friends who are imprisoned; for their beloved who are no longer alive; for all those that have soaked their land with their blood for fighting against the occupation, unemployment and unbearable living conditions that the fascist-Zionists impose hour after hour, day by day, unmercifully.

These reports show how the Palestinian masses expose the deception of the Palestinian Authority and the UN, which recognize "symbolically" a Palestinian State. They show that this new Intifada has got up breaking with the policy of the PLO of "two States" following the Oslo accords.

For the Palestinian bourgeoisie, these agreements mean business and a life of privilege. Their role is ensuring "peace and control" of the Palestinians in the West Bank, so that the Zionist State has slave labor from the ghettos to produce; this is so because the Palestinian bourgeoisie is associated with the Zionist bourgeoisie in many companies.

For the broad masses of Palestinians Oslo agreements mean occupation, confinement in ghettos, genocide, usurpation of their lands and their homes and poverty wages.

The Palestinian masses resist the occupation by the Zionists and vie for a Palestine stretching from the sea to the Jordan River.

These extended revolts, to try to express in the correspondents presented in this section shows which means to defend their land and to fight against the Oslo accords and the policy of two States proclaimed by both the PLO and its "international friends" of different NGOs and political parties that call themselves advocates of the Palestinian cause.

The reader will find in these reports the voices of those who have spent over 20 years in the fascist dungeons of the Zionist State for the "crime" of having fought against the occupation; you will find the desperate voices of the families of the heroic Palestinian martyrs and those who are still prisoners; as also the voices of those who resist the Zionist occupation because they know that by expelling the occupation their greatest travails will have an end.

They don't fight alone; they are part of the Syrian resistance today shelled by the great imperialist Coalition; part of the struggle of the Lebanese exploited standing up despite and against Hezbollah; part of the revolutionary struggle of the Yemeni people. Thus they tied their fate to those struggles, opposing the genocide by Assad. They tell their truth, we reflect it in these reports.

We had the opportunity to be with the family of political prisoners, such as Leila and Tareq Issawi, parents to Shireen, Medhat and Samer Issawi today imprisoned in the dungeons of the Zionist occupant. The Issawi family have always fought heroically for the Palestinian cause and joined their fight to that for the acquittal of the convicted comrades of Las Heras.

With many colleagues who are part of this heroic Palestinian resistance, we shared and we were part of the struggle for an international network for the freedom of all political prisoners in the world as the comrades of Human Rights Defenders and Issawi family among others. All of us are part of the same struggle and together fought on December 12 -International Day of the Persecuted Worker, as the reader can see on our pages.

From the International Worker Organizer we want to greet each and every one of the companions who hosted us and protected us in Palestine. From the heart of the intifada, where the heart of the heroic Palestinian revolution beats and the martyrs give their lives, we present the following correspondents' reports.

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A NEW INTIFADA IS RISING IN PALESTINE AGAINST THE ZIONIST OCCUPIER AND THE INFAMOUS COVENANTS OF OSLO AS PART OF THE ENORMOUS RESISTANCE THAT IS developing throughout Maghreb and Middle East

LET'S BREAK WITH THE OSLO ACCORDS OF ZIONISM, IMPERIALISM, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY!

For the destruction of the fascist Zionist State of Israel! For a free secular democratic and non-racist Palestine from the sea to the Jordan River! Out with UNO that secures the Zionist occupation over the Palestinian nation!

FOR A SINGLE INTIFADA FROM YEMEN TO DAMASCUS TO BEIRUT TO JERUSALEM!

A new intifada has stood up in Palestine in response to the offensive of the Zionist settlers who, wanting to occupy more and more Palestinian territories, burned the Dawabeshah family alive.

This offensive of fascist Zionism is part of the imperialist counter-offensive in the region that seeks to crush the revolutionary fighting in Yemen and Syria, and thus put an end to the revolution in both Maghreb and Middle East.

But Zionism and imperialism did not act alone and could jump into this counter-offensive in the region thanks to the role played by all organizations claiming to fight for the Palestinian cause, worker organizations and political parties of left and even the same PLO. When the Syrian masses were arriving in Damascus, when the revolutionary offensive of exploited Yemenis was making Yemen's murderous Government flee, all these organizations sought to divide the struggle of the masses of the region, leaving the Palestinian cause enclosed and separated from the rest of the revolutionary fighting.

It was this policy of leav-



ing Syria, Yemen and the same Palestine enclosed and isolated which paved the way so that today the Grand Coalition could bomb Syria, the Saudi-led Coalition crush Yemen and the bourgeois forces other revolutionary foci, as in Lebanon and also Zionism could go forward with its fascist settlers and forces of occupation for deepening the usurpation of lands, militarization and repression, to finally impose the Oslo agreements (an agreement signed in 1993 between Fatah's Yasser Arafat, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and US president Bill Clinton; in that deal they wanted to make the world believe the 'two States' policy was a great victory). But the masses don't give up and are developing a heroic resistance, as part of this the Palestinian Intifada is today standing up.

This intifada rebels against the Oslo accords and despite and against the PLO. The exploited Palestinians know that they live in real prisons in the open and that the Palestinian Authority, Fatah and the PLO parties do not represent them because they are part of those agreements, they guarantee that nothing is out of control.

The Palestinian bourgeoisie were which stabilized the situation in favor of the policy signed in the Oslo accords.

Palestinian youth, supported in their exploited families, began to rebel in real revolts, after each funeral, after every Friday prayer in the mosque.

These agreements of Oslo are expressed in the terrible living conditions of the Palestinian masses in the occupied

nation, where both education and health are every day more deplorable. Palestinian workers are treated worse than slaves by the Zionist occupant. To give just one example of the situation of famine and misery of the Palestinian masses in the ghettos, while the minimum wage is for the Palestinians 1400 new Israeli shekel (US\$ 360), the cost of living is the same as in the Zionist State where the minimum wage of an occupant is 5000 NIS (US\$1300). The Palestinians, when going to work must go through dozens of checkpoints; they are carried in cage-trucks, and in each checkpoint the Palestinian police revises them; then they are abused and insulted in the Zionist catch, Zionists hit their wives, until they can cross and get to work. In the Zionist State, one that guarantees the Palestinian workers to work as slaves is the Histadrut, where a minority, arrogant and Zionist fascist labor aristocracy organize for justifying the existence and defend the interests of that fascist State created artificially by imperialism and, **centrally, for crushing the Palestinian proletariat with methods of civil war.**

When the exploited Pales-

tinians arrive at the factory in Palestine they find that the foreman of the factory is a Palestinian bourgeois. That's because Fatah bourgeoisie, turned today into the national Palestinian Authority (PNA), seals agreements and business with the Zionist State. Their role is to ensure "peace and control" of the Palestinians in the West Bank, so that Zionism has slave labor to produce. That's why they are associated with the Zionist bourgeoisie in the enterprises and also act as foremen within them to take care of Zionists' interests.

These are the Oslo Accords: the occupied Palestinian nation and its workers as slavery for Zionism. There is no exit for the Palestinian people without destruction of the fascist Zionist State of Israel and expelling the Palestinian collaborationist bourgeoisie.

For its part, the leadership of Hamas which runs the Gaza Strip has become in a commercial bourgeoisie because it has businesses and interests linked to the market with the South of Egypt. They are far from fighting for the exploited Palestinians suffering both in Gaza and in West Bank and other occupied territories the Zionist occupation, repression and daily harassment. The Palestinian bourgeoisie do not seek the unit so that the Palestinian

cause is to succeed, but it respects the Oslo agreements to continue doing business.

Hamas need an outlet to the sea, but for this Zionism asks Hamas to recognize the State of Israel. Hamas cannot recognize it, since the exploited, poor farmers and Palestinian intelligentsia would not allow them.

Thus the Palestinian bourgeoisie, both in the Gaza Strip, West Bank and the diaspora itself-as it is in Lebanon with the Hezbollah bourgeoisie of the telecommunications, is guaranteeing slave labor for the transnational corporations both in the occupied territory and region-wide.

In short, occupation for the Palestinian bourgeois means peace agreements, policy of two States for them to continue going on in their business at the expense of exploited Palestinians confined into ghettos, serving the Zionists as foremen and earning State funds. For that there are the two States scheme, the ghettos and the occupation.

Who holds worldwide by "left" Zionism and the policy of two States is Stalinism, with its various organizations come from "Israel" as Peace Now that say to the whole world that the policy of two States is the solution to the struggle for Pales-

tinian Liberation. While they have a fraction in Gaza used to contain vanguard sectors which have begun to break with Hamas in Gaza and with the PFLP (Popular Front for the liberation of Palestine) in the West Bank and proclaim the necessity of developing a popular resistance. Thus the UN "Two States" plan is guaranteed by Zionism, the imperialist powers, and Stalinism from the left.

TODAY'S RESISTANCE MUST WIN

Today's Intifada is developed stones against tanks; it consists yet of desperate actions; because the revolt does not collide against the enemy that is inside, which is a must to turn this situation into a revolutionary offensive. Exploited Palestinians must climb a level on their fight and collide with the internal police of the Palestinian Authority, disarm it and arm the exploited as they already did at the beginning of the 21st century, and join the Yemeni masses and Syria resistance that are their true allies in the region.

The Palestinian exploited masses from the concentration camps should get together the Palestinian diaspora and set up a **National Assembly of workers and peasants where the collaborationist bourgeoisie shall not be let to take part; recallable delegates should be elected from each city, town and refugee camp in Palestine and the Palestinian camps and groups in the diaspora.**

Workers, women whose sons or husbands have been killed or are in prison, young people without work, in partnership with poor farmers are the only ones who can expel Zionism. In contrast to them the Palestinian bourgeoisie, both in Gaza and West Bank,

which is interwoven with the Zionists in thousands of businesses, thinks that the Oslo accords are the solution.

Palestinian rebel youth have nothing to lose and this is why today they are the vanguard of the fight in the Middle East. Their allies are the exploited Syrians fighting for bread and against the massacre by Al-Assad and the great coalition in Syria; the revolutionary struggle of the Yemeni exploited; the uprisings in Lebanon and the heroic strikes of the Egyptian working class. **For a single intifada from Tunisia to Cairo to Damascus to Jerusalem!**

Down with the Oslo agreements that have confined Palestinians to ghettos of the UNO, Zionism and the PA Government!

Out with the collaborationist Palestinian bourgeoisie that is a lackey of Zionism and Wall Street!

For the dissolution of fascist Histadrut!

For a single Union for exploited Palestinians!

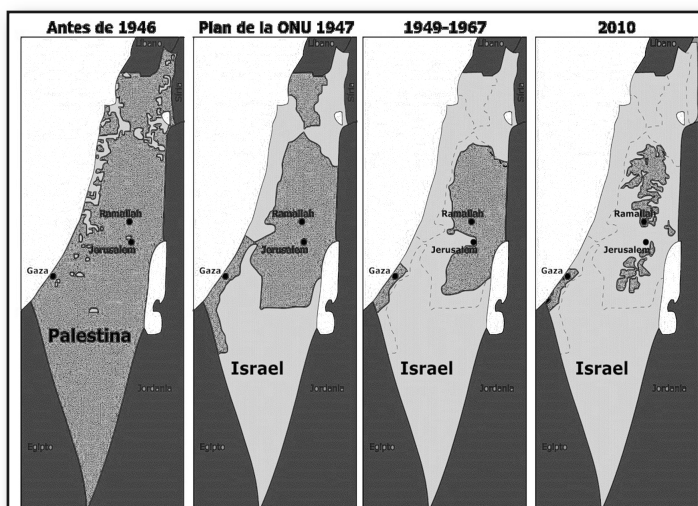
For a US\$ 1,500 minimum wage for all Palestinian workers!

For the destruction of the fascist Zionist State of Israel!

For the generalized armament of the masses, as we had in 2000-2004: weapons are in the PLO police stations! Dissolution of the police of the Palestinian Authority that only exists to suppress the Palestinians facing occupation!

Free the more than 7,000 Palestinian prisoners in the dungeons of Zionism!

For committees of workers and poor farmers to recover Palestinian land



which has been usurped by fascist-Zionists!

For a PALESTINIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY of elected delegates from the concentration camps of West Bank and Gaza, and among the Palestinian diaspora, confined to Lebanon, Jordan and other countries in the region by the counter-revolutionary blows of Zionism!

For a free secular democratic and non-racist Palestine from the sea to the Jordan River! This can only be guaranteed by a worker and peasant government based on self-determined armed organizations of the Palestinian masses, as part of a Federation of Worker and Socialist Republics of Middle East-based!

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Zionist soldiers arrest a Palestinian fighter

We were visiting Leila Issawi home, voice of the Palestinian prisoners and cause for the Palestinian liberation

It's an honor for me being together with Leila Issawi, mother of today imprisoned Palestinian resistance hero Samer Issawi; other two children of hers are also in prison: Shireen Issawi brave fighter for the freedom of all political prisoners and her brother Medhat, a fighter against the Zionist occupation.

"I don't fight just for my children, but for the children of all the Palestinian mothers"

We are at the Isawiya neighbourhood (East Jerusalem); everyone already knows where the home of Leila and Tareq - "Samer parents-" is. It is a large family and today three of their children are incarcerated (Samer, Shireen and Medhat); another son was killed long ago, and their son Shadi - who has been released for now-, is not allowed to finish his studies and getting a job is difficult for him.

In addition to this, at Isawiya, one of the neighborhoods of Jerusalem where the regime of terror is felt daily, people suffer everyday harassment, and the situation is unbearable. Tareq, the father says that in many of the Arab neighborhoods on the outskirts of downtown Jerusalem the same happens. There is a security post (check point) which soldiers close the quarter when they want to, so no one can leave or enter. When they do not close it, the militarized police check everyone wanting to pass through to decide who is allowed to enter or not. Effectively, at the entrance of Isawwiya, the main street that connects it with other streets and roads there is a secu-

urity post. Fascist security forces go up the bus, ask us for our identification and just then we can move on.

Leila tells us that with no reason, to add insult to injury, just in order to scare people they throw tear gas toward the neighborhood randomly, though they often choose some houses and throw the canisters specifically to each one as it has already happened to her. She tells us: *"This is not all; in the prisons, the situation is even worse. For example: due to the over-population that prisons have had in recent months Shireen together with other 14 Palestinian woman prisoners had to be taken from the prison where they were (Hasharon) and carried to Damon (which is another jail for women in the middle of occupied Palestine)."* And she added: *"We have a right to be here, this is our land, and it belongs to us. They want to take our children and lives, our homes. We will not allow them. I don't fight just for my children, but for the children of all the Palestinian mothers."*

The Palestinian masses both in Jerusalem and in the West Bank and Gaza live under a reign of terror by the fascist

From Jerusalem... December 11, 2015



Leila and Tareq Issawi

occupation of Israel and already in the same capital the latter have Palestinians living into real prisons... in true ghettos. The escalation of killings and repression on them goes on daily: every day in the news we can hear that a young man has been killed in Hebron or the same Jerusalem, in Ramallah, in Gaza... They have already killed more than 120 Palestinians in the last weeks. The repression has increased since the uprisings began.

The plan is not an isolated fact; the more the Grand Coalition of imperialist countries and their minions attacks and massacres in Yemen and Syria, disputing the oil business, the more Zionism imposes a regime of terror to the interior of the West Bank and Gaza making Palestinians live in ghettos and being used as cheap labor to the large maquiladoras, to collect fruits to transnationals linked to agriculture and to work in the construction. The Palestinians, especially their youth know that Zionists' advance on their land means more hunger and lack of freedom, and working as slaves.

"...while the Zionists have Palestinian women in their prisons, only watch them getting sick to death..."

It is not the first time that Nahil has been imprisoned; when he was twelve years old she was arrested by the Zionist army; she was twice more in prison and last time she came to be locked up in prisons of the occupier by three years.

The situation inside prisons is terrible; there is no human being that can live there surrounded by insects, rats, in a damp place where in summer the heat becomes unbearable and in winter people have to endure chilling miseries. They have no stoves or fans and prisons are overcrowded.

Until some time ago, Zionists had all Palestinian female prisoners locked in Hasharon prison, but lately they launched a brutal offensive on Palestinian women arresting hundreds of them. They then divided them into two groups and sent them to two different prisons; those who are waiting to be sentenced go to Damon prison, and who have already been sentenced remain in Hasharon.

Palestinian women inside prisons have carried out protests in order to achieve the few things that the occupiers had to allow them to have, such as a bed, cooking utensils and a TV. They remain all day long in cells generally save twice a day when they go out to a small park where they meet the other fellow inmates and walk a bit.

Many times these "breaks" are prohibited as a form of punishment. The same applies to the permitted family visits; many times the Zionist prohibit them having visits for a month.

Nahil remembers that for the "day of independence of Israel", that Palestinians name Nakba ("the catastrophe", NT), officers ordered the imprisoned women to stand up and enter their cells before time. Shireen Issawi and her refused to do so, and were a month without having visits. The same happened to them once when one of the high-ranking officers went to check the cells; the wardens ordered them to stand up and they refused; so they were punished by not letting them receive visits for two months.

She tells us that they do not have any

health care there. They do not allow them to companions who have previous treatments to continue them, unless they have diabetes and require insulin, but even in those cases they often don't even bring the diabetic women the full necessary dose. For example she was following a dermatological treatment which was completely broken off. He left prison with stones in the gallbladder, chronic bone conditions and a problem in the colon. Nahil explains that most of the companions declined to ask to go to the doctor while they were in jail and when they leave they have serious, mostly chronic health problems.

Nahil tells us that while the Zionists have Palestinian women in their prisons, only watch them getting sick to death.

The food they are served, if it can be called food, is terrible. A few years ago, due to protests that the prisoners carried forward it was agreed that Palestinian inmates' meal was cooked by themselves and not by the Israeli prisoners, who constantly harass Palestinian women with insults, and also night shouting, not letting them sleep.

This was gradually changing and today the food is cooked by Israeli inmates, so in addition to the food being always cold, it comes often with insects, or nearly raw. Nahil tells us that the only way to make it eatable is to grab the pieces of meat or vegetables, wash them and then cook them again.

Experiences of everyday life, she could recall thousands; some happened to her, other to of her cell companions, but I think that there are two that are worth highlighting. Perhaps, for one who comes to read this, from afar, it is difficult to understand what it really means. Many times I've heard talk about transfers of the companions, without really understanding what this meant. Transfers are done from a prison to another one or from a prison to a court to hear a sentence that is useless. These trips are far from what a human can endure, and very far from



Nahil Abu Esha is arrested

what you can imagine. On the one hand you are waked up very early and you can get simply being 12 hours without going to the bathroom, eating and drinking water. In addition to this, in the trucks where you are traveling, you go handcuffed and often they put you shackles in the ankles, seats are of metal and these trucks are shared with the Israeli inmates that insult you constantly during the entire trip and even spit you. Needless to talk about who drives the vehicle that of course doesn't care that he is carrying people. Nahil says *"there were times that all I wanted was going back to sleep to my cell"*. As she was considered as "dangerous" because they said that she had tried to open one of the locks in the ankles with a mini pin (which Muslim women use to hold the hijab), she was always handcuffed every time she was taken out of prison or during the time she received visits.

She explained that despite this situation, they protest in every way they can, when the occasion appears. For example, **she carried out a hunger strike for two days together with other women as they had not been let to take a walk outside, though they could fast for only two days because the occupying forces ordered them to stop or otherwise they would be forced to eat.**

On the current situation of Palestine, she said: *"I know that in prison the situation was very bad, but when I came out - a month ago - and I see all these murders, the campaign about us being "terrorists", and how they are killing our young people... This situation is also terrible and unacceptable. We fight for our rights, our land; we want freedom. Occupants are who at every step do not even respect the agreements already signed. So we are going to keep fighting"*.

Pamela Parson

Interview with Fuad Khuffash, Palestinian fighter and coordinator of an organization in defense of Palestinian prisoners (like Alshanter) and defender of the fight of the Palestinian masses in Ghaza:

"WE ALL LIVE IN A BIG PRISON" "from this starting point I can tell you the situation of prisoners"

Organization for which Faud coordinates is located in Nablus, one of the main cities of the West Bank, and one that has most suffered the regime of terror by Zionist forces. There are no official statistics, but the number of prisoners and arrested in this last time can be counted by thousands. It is not surprising, the second intifada in the West Bank began in Nablus and from this city it expanded quickly, that's what the locals say.



Palestinian children in the Zionist jails

First thing that Faud wants to tell is about reasons why in Palestine there is an Intifada going on. *"There is resistance from the bases in all of Palestine, but in the West Bank no one is organizing it."* *"It is a reality that the legitimacy of the Palestinian Authority (PA) is much discredited and the political parties of the PLO are very weak outside of Fatah"*. These parties do not represent the Palestinian people which is willing to stand up and fight against the occupation and the current conditions, concludes Faud.

We are not only talking of occupation and usurpation of lands, as this occupation creates slavery to the interior of Palestine. We are talking about an unemployment rate that reaches 60% within the youth; slavery working conditions, and besides large farms hire women and children to collect fruits; the minimum wage agreed upon between the Palestinian Government and the companies (which generally are Palestinian-Israeli associations or straight Israeli ones) is 1400 shekels, though the basic family shopping basket is approximately 5000-6000 shekels. Among Palestinian women the average salary they receive is 800 shekels.

In Gaza, the situation is also very problematic; Faud explains *"the living conditions there are very bad because of the bombings in August of 2014 and also due to al Sisi and the military junta in Egypt. Both reasons make the blockade on Gaza to be complete and the Government of Gaza cannot do much in this respect."*

supporting Hamas, but at governmental level and of members organized in the West Bank, it is very weak. For example, he tells me, "today (Dec 15) is the 28 anniversary of the founding of Hamas, and no celebration is held in Nablus. The reality is, and so we can see almost all the Palestinians, the Palestinian Authority is negotiating with Israel all the time, and this leads to its loss of legitimacy. In addition to this the conditions inside of the West Bank, let alone Gaza, are terrible because of these pacts and peace processes that AP ends up negotiating. We all live in a big prison, from this starting point I can tell you the situation of prisoners".

We began talking about political prisoners, but before entering this topic it a clarification should be made. Under the Oslo agreements, they separated in the prisons the prisoners that came from political parties in the PLO from those who came from political parties in Islamic (such as Hamas and the Islamic Jihad) movements. This separation was further deepened in 2007 when Israel declared that Hamas had taken Gaza under arms and that it could not be part of the Palestinian Government. Thus, the AP and the fascist Zionist State of Israel agreed that Palestinian prisoners from different types of organizations (I.e, PLO and Islamist movements) should be completely separated and so it placed them in different pavilions. *"The excuse of this separation was so there are no clashes between the prisoners,"* says Faud. *"But the truth"* he concludes, *"was to weaken the whole of the Palestinian prisoners"*.

"It is for this reason that more and more Palestinians are

Faud explained the condition of Palestinian prisoners who

come from Islamist political parties. *"The situation of Palestinian prisoners of these movements is even worse; visits may be every two months and these prisoners are not allowed to have any utensils, TV, etc., and the maximum of money for use in the canteen (one of the few places to get something more decent to eat and buy things like cigarettes, etc.) is 100 shekels, a real misery".*

The Syrian situation is a big question that many have it muted, but Faud says that the Palestinian masses are with the Syrian people, as they do not support Assad's regime because this particularly crushed and massacred people's uprisings, and also, as many of the region's other totalitarian regimes it is caring for the borders to Israel so that the peoples of the region are not unified with the struggle for the cause of Palestinian Liberation. *"This is why Hamas broke with Hezbollah, because the Palestinians generally and Hamas do not support Assad's regime; as Hezbollah not only supports it but also is helping Assad along with Iran by sending troops, Hamas broke relations with Hezbollah".*

Finally, Faud concludes what for him would be a possible solution to this conflict that is increasingly worsening. *"Hamas says publicly that armed resistance is the only way to fight the occupation, (though) already no one raises this publicly. Palestinian people no longer believe in the two-State solution, because they are living the consequences of this policy. The intifada that we see today is the expression of this. A coalition between Hamas and other political parties that support the popular resistance would be a possible solution. That's what people are looking for, a new leadership that does not negotiate with Israel is what the people need, but that is not yet seen as a real possibility".*

There is no doubt, everyone says that a new leadership is needed because Palestinian will and forces are in surplus to rise up and fight against the occupying Zionists. There is

no doubt that the Palestinian masses, against their leaders from the PLO, have seen the truth of what is happening in Syria and they sympathize with their brethren; they know that after each attack to and bombing that falls in Aleppo or Homs, Zionism imposes the more its fascist regime of terror and those who pay the price are the Palestinian exploited and their youth, with occupation and hunger.

It's time that the peoples of the region and the workers of the world act as a single fist and shout very loud: **A single struggle against imperialism and its agents in Palestine, Syria, Egypt, Yemen and all over the region.** Stop slaughtering the Syrian children in the Palestinian young people! The Grand Coalition of the imperialist countries wants to lay Syria as scorched-earth, for Zionism then raze the Palestinian nation. **The Palestinian flag must return to flame in its capital, Jerusalem! For the destruction of the fascist Zionist State of Israel! Down with the "two States" plan of the UN, imperialism, and the Arab League!**

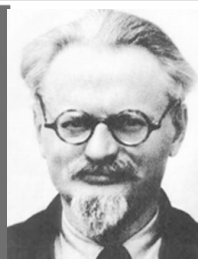
The solution for the Palestinian masses is taking the problem into their own hands and deciding within their ranks how to liberate themselves. For a **PALESTINIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY** with recallable delegates elected from every town, village and refugee camp in the West Bank and Gaza, and the Palestinian diaspora, confined by the counter-revolutionary blows of Zionism to Lebanon, Jordan and other countries in the region. Out with the Palestinian collaborationist bourgeoisie that are cooperating with Obama and Zionism! For a Palestine free, secular, democratic and non-racist, that can only be guaranteed by a worker and peasant government -based on the armed organizations of self-determination of the Palestinian masses, as part of a Federation of Worker and Socialist Republics of Middle East!

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The Palestinian Authority discriminates those political prisoners who do not submit to their policy of collaboration with the Zionist State of Israel

Sofyan JamJoum, is a former political prisoner who was imprisoned in Zionist jails for over 20 years. 1989-1990: 20 months; 1992-2006: 14 years; 2007-2008: 13 months; 2010-2012: 25 months; 2014-2015: 13 months. He was also in jails of the Palestinian Authority (PA) 3 months in 2009.

He and other 40 political prisoners are claiming for their rights.

Since several years ago there is a law in Palestine which states that anyone who spends over 5 years in a Zionist dungeon gets a onetime wage. Those who spend more than 5 years get a monthly wage. This is considering the military hierarchy: 5 years means being a private; 10 years a general; and so on. Today the Minister of Finances of the West Bank led by the Palestinian Authority (PA).

"Every Palestinian prisoner, no matter which party they belong to, is considered a fighter against the occupation for the Palestine cause, that is why the years in jail are considered as a service given to the country", Sofyan explains.

"We are over 40 prisoners who are not getting our wages. Why? Because we belong to a different political party, with different thoughts." For example Sofyan is a member of Hamas, which is not part of the West Bank government and it is considered by the PA as a threat to the national security, which makes even harder for him to get a job and today works as a salesman in a one of the shops downtown where he lives thanks to the solidarity of the Palestini-

ans with the fighters against occupation.

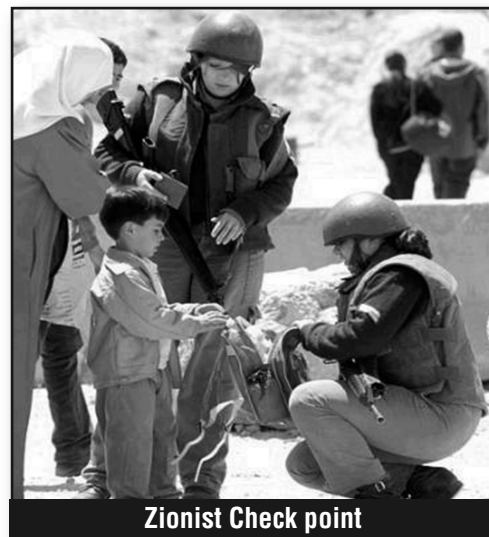
Those who are not getting their wages -which means disdain by PA against those who were against the occupation- are carrying out actions in Ramallah so all Palestinians know about their situation. This means that the Palestinian Government in the West Bank is denying them their rights, what belongs to them as fighters of this historical cause for what all Palestinian exploited give their lives.

Sofyan is upset, outraged, but keeps strong in his fight no matter which obstacles he has to overcome. *"Today is not only the fight against Israel, in the West Bank all of us who have different thoughts suffer harassment, particularly if you come from some Islamic group or movement."*

then he tells us about the situation of Hamas in the West Bank: *"On one hand PA, under the excuse that Hamas and other Islamic groups are a threat to the national security, any person or teaching center that belongs to those groups is completely fenced, both financially (where they can even withhold money that the government consider that came from those movements) as under surveillance (which means that PA knows who goes to these centers, why, etc)." Then he explains "This is not it; many of us also suffer political prosecutions; we suffer orders where we must be separated from other Palestinians in public places, and we are even arrested."*

Sofyan wants me to know,

not only what he suffers, but what most of the fighters who are members of Islamic groups suffer, even non-violent Islamic movements suffer this kind of prosecution. *"It is a real shame that fighters against the occupation are treated this way; Palestinians are getting tired of the OLP and this mistreatment they give to the fighters is part of their collaboration with the occupier".* Sofyan tells me that it is to be expected since they signed the Agreements of Oslo and today we are paying the consequences. These agreements can be seen today and they had many consequences especially with national security, but mainly economic. As regards national security Sofyan says: *"the main goal was to have an authority within Palestine to prevent event kind of uprising, in this case PA-Fatah is the one doing this task before any attempt of organization and 'popular resistance' is Fatah the ones who control and prevents."* Among the economic consequences there are several, Sofyan explains: *"The agreements imposed prices to basic goods like fuel, electricity, gas, etc. to be the same in the occupied and non-occupied territories, which makes the cost of living almost the same in both places, with the only difference that the average wage in Palestine is 1400-1500 shekels and the occupied territory for the occupiers is 6000 shekels. Other consequences are the usurpation of land and that Palestinians work in the occupied territories*



Zionist Check point

for lower wages".

In Sofyan case, as many others, it is clear. They are the brave voice that express an important sector of the Palestinian Resistance; a sector that does not believe that changes will come from the peace process proposed by OLP. They are the majority of the Palestinians who see that the victory of their cause if their fight triumphs in Syria, which is bombed today by the big coalition and Al Assad. In this sense Hamas expresses the feeling of the Palestine people and it is against Al Assad and broke their ties with Hezbollah, because it knows that the Palestinian exploited, from the entire Palestine, will never forgive anyone who want to lead the resistance had been a murderer of their brothers and sisters in Syria.

The fight is one, both in the West Bank, Gaza, the occupied territories and those who are in the Diaspora. The Palestinians who are suffering occupation or exile fighting for their land, for better life conditions, for a Palestine from the sea to the Jordan River.

Hamas has the authority to start this unified fight, so far it has not done it while even its members are prosecuted in the West Bank, imprisoned and while the Palestinian exploited -especially the youth- fight completely alone in brave revolts.

Dozens of Palestinian fighters in the dungeons of Zionism are on hunger strike...

Immediate and Unconditional freedom to the Palestinian prisoners!

The conditions of Palestinian prisoners in the dungeons of Zionist invader are far from being called human, abuse and humiliation on a daily basis.

Last week 50 Palestinian prisoners in the prison of Nafha had prompted a collective hunger strike to fight against abuse, poor conditions of transfer (from one prison to another or from one prison to court) and against administrative detention. These fighters are on hunger strike, had joined other Palestinian prisoners who are in a longer hunger strike against their detention and fighting for their freedom. **Mohammed Al-Qeeq (33 years) is a journalist who has been on hunger strike since 25 November because they do not accept the administrative detention.**

Against this measure it is also on hunger strike Mohammed Najdi, who had previously been arrested by the security forces of the Palestinian Authority. **Shadi Mtawi (28 years)**, fights to get him out of isolation and bring him to a prison in southern Palestine (closer to his family), so does **Hassan Shokah (27 years) both have 23 days of hunger strike. Meanwhile Issa Abbasi (30 years) has been on hunger strike for several days because he is prohibited to see his mother who is also imprisoned in the same jail, Hasharon. Abed Abdel Muti (52 years) had begun a hunger strike because he deliberately denied medical treatment; as well Abdel said is not something that only suffers, but all Palestinian prisoners. Abdullah Abu Jaber Jordanian was on hunger strike for 47 days demanding to be transferred to his native country, he stopped his hunger strike with the promise that they would do it, but to**



Palestine prisoners

the failure to comply his demand, he began again.

The conditions of Palestinian prisoners are harsh. Living in overcrowded, with poor nutrition, lack of medical care and were forbidden to receive books, and only for a very limited time allow them to listen to the radio and watch TV, which often are prohibited. Families find it very difficult to visit them from reaching the ward, the visit itself is very tiring and treatment of Zionist soldier to the family is violent and degrading.

Those in administrative detention are under psychological torture, a situation with no time limit and can be renewed indefinitely. The prisoners are kept without charge or appearance before any court. They are virtually kidnapped by the occupying forces.

They are subjected to the worst kind of cruelty and torture in prison. According to the Palestinian Prisoners' Society, 95% of Palestinian prisoners have some form of torture from the moment it is stopped until it is transferred to one of the many places of detention and interrogation. Those convicted have sentences to life sentence, which is literally for life and many other are condemned

to 20 or 30 years. Most of the prisoners, for the inhumane prison conditions, after a short period of time, suffer chronic diseases, including cancer.

These cases are just a sample of 7000 Palestinians in the dungeons of occupation and hundreds of fighters for the Palestinian cause in the pro-Zionist prisons as George Abdallah imprisoned by the French 5th Republic. Palestinian prisoners are organized and resisting the occupation, they are advanced to the Palestinian resistance.

Many organizations who claim to fight for the Palestinian cause know this, but still a great silence stuns at international level. The struggle for political prisoners in the world and especially Palestinians who face an occupation is a task for all workers and exploited of the world to fight in better conditions and for our fighters not to be under the thumb of the repressive states. Unifying our forces and coordinating our actions we will be a thousand times stronger to free our fighters and revenge from our oppressors.

Freedom to the 7,000 Palestinian prisoners and all political prisoners of the world!

For the destruction of the Zionist fascist state of Israel!

Greece

From the jails where the Syriza government has as hostages the rebel youth and together with the most militant of the vanguard...

...there they fight for the Syrian masses against the genocidal Al Assad, for the refugees of the Maghreb and Middle East and for the freedom of the world political prisoners



December 31: Concentration in the gates of the prison Koridallos, where Troika and Syriza have the Greek rebel youth in jail.



Syrian refugees in Greece

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Barricades in the streets from Greece

The rebel Greek youth clash against the Syriza police

The evening was beginning in Athens and the March was already starting to mark 7 years from the murder of Alexis Grigoropoulos at the hands of the murderous Greek police. High numbers of young people began to concentrate on Syntagma Square, opposite Parliament. No flag of any political party was in sight, not even of those who claim to be on the left. The protesters are young people of the Greek revolution, who are fighting against successive Governments of the Troika - from 'rightist' one of Karamanlis in 2008 to the "left" one of Tsipras of today - and against the retrenchment plans these seek to apply, which is nothing else but plans of hunger and misery to the workers. These youth are the same ones that sympathize with and defend the Syrian refugees that have come to Greece.

As a correspondent I at once went to the march against the murderous police and in commemoration of comrade Alexis, which is part of the fight against repression, imprisonment and persecution that these young people are suffering - also many of their comrades are imprisoned as political prisoners- like the workers in the world who fight for their rights. The oil workers from of Las Heras sentenced for life for fighting for a living wage for all equal to the family shopping basket; fighters for the Palestinian cause as George Abdallah who is imprisoned in France; imprisoned striking miners in Asturias; the Palestinians imprisoned in the dungeons of Zionism, and the Syrian workers or the miners in Mari-



kana (South Africa) murdered by just fighting for bread and a dignified life, are just a few examples of this.

The concentration outside Parliament sang slogans against the police, the repression, and the powers that command it, and for Alexis Grigoropoulos; the attendants started their March towards the District of Exarcheia, where Alexis was murdered and which is known for the combativeness of its inhabitants.

The youth were marching against repression...; on the other side of the street, riot police surrounded the Parliament and other government buildings. As the demonstration progressed, the police was taking positions. I could see them in the avenues that mark the limits of the Exarcheia quarter, in all the corners of the streets entering the neighborhood.

When coming to the march, the repression began. Police fired tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse it. But young people faced repression in barricades. They clashed hard against the police until late at night in the Exarcheia district and its surroundings.

That's how the youth comes fighting for years against the regime of the Troika, and its murderous police... today managed by a "left" Government (Syriza). And it is this same "left" Government that keeps prisoners comrade Nikos Romanos, Panagiotis Argirou, Maria Thefilou and Savas Xiros, among others for fighting the police and defending the refugees from the fascist gangs of Golden Dawn. But at the same time this same Government has let those fascist gangs that attacked Syrian refugees and killed young rebel Pavlos Fyssas, stay at large.

Rebel youth clashes against the police of the Government of Syriza, the lefts of the Troika. Parties who claim to be on the left are looking the other way. And the police is repressing harshly.

After covering the counter-revolution and war against the Syrian masses by the Grand Coalition of the Vienna Conference; after living with the rebellious youth fighting in the resistance against the murderous regime of Bashar, I could see now in the fire of the barricades in Athens that here are the same forces fighting

in the Palestinian intifada, the Syrian resistance, the hardened workers who fight against the murderous regime of Erdogan.

Here in Athens, I could see the siege on the heroic struggle of the masses by the treacherous leaderships. Neither Antarsya, nor the EEK nor the bureaucracy of the trade unions have come out fighting on the anniversary of the assassination of Alexis by counter-revolutionary Governments of Greece.

Their plan is to encircle rebel youth so that the repressive Government -a partner to Merkel- can jail the best fighters.

Athens' spark continues on and so many attacks, so much imprisonment and repression intends to stop it from igniting again Europe.

Here are the allies of the Syrian revolution...

What about the Government of Syriza?... It's just marching with the other NATO countries in the grand coalition that is every day massacring the best of the Syrian resistance.

Different streets, different cities, the same struggle.

Freedom for Nikos Romanos, Panagiotis Argirou, Maria Thefilou and Savas Xiros, prisoners in the prisons of Syriza!

No more repression, imprisonment and murder for the Greek youth! Dissolution of the murderous police!

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Greece of Syriza, Merkel and Troika: unemployment, misery for the exploited as well as repression and jail for those who fight

Athens, Greece - One of the oldest capitals in the old continent, today hit by the global economic crisis and the theft of the bankers and big finance capital to their own people. Each 5 premises, two are closed. Many of the walls of the streets and passages in downtown Athens are covered by graffiti... My Greek comrades say these were written in full revolutionary phase, with general strikes and actions in the streets by the youth and workers. Today one can see Greek people surviving the past attacks and those that today the Government of Syriza imposes. That is, entrenchment of education and health, which for example let hundreds of physicians and hospital staff out of work and thousands of exploited without health services; extension of the hours of work, a rampant unemployment, salaries of less than 400 euros... and if you have no money to pay taxes (which continue to grow)... they auction your home and leave you living on the street.

Welcome to the Greece of Syriza, Merkel and the Troika!

The repression on this great revolution left dozens as political prisoners. "Today in this prison (Korydallos, on the outskirts of Athens) there are about 25 political prisoners, 17 in the men's cells, 2 in the women's and 6 in isolation (for more serious indictments such as murder)" one of the accused tells me, while he says that there are more prisoners in other prisons in the country.

Yesterday was a day of one of the trials to rebellious youth. There were 9 defendants. Most of them have several parallel causes. For example, one of the political prisoners has about 9 causes, another has 7 causes... and thus we could go on with the multiple causes which each of the more than 50 political prisoners has. For each of these causes they must attend a different trial and therefore deserve a separate sentence.

These young rebels are brave. They are looking for and know that they can be released, not by the "good or bad" decision of judges and prosecutors, but by the mass fighting in the streets. They make it known from their prisons and courts of the Troika.

Each of them expects receiving from at least 6 years sentence to life imprisonment. Their "crime" is having fought against the designs of the Troika, for a future... for a dignified life.

Today who will judge them are the judges of Syriza. We have no words for that! It is necessary to remember that some organizations of the left, which say they fight for the workers, held that Syriza was "the expression of the struggle of the masses", that it was going to "oppose the plans of the Troika", and sparked hopes that Syriza would bring a change. Today Syriza is precisely which applies the "austerity" plans of the Troika and in addition now, as a

chastening, eventually sentencing young people that rose up in the heroic Greek revolution.

Before the trial starts, the defendants take advantage of the free time to be close and hug their families, friends, girlfriends and other loved ones. Also they make time to talk to us because they want to know what happens with the international working class struggle, because they live into the Syrian resistance and suffer from what happens to Palestinian prisoners in the dungeons of the Zionists. They consider themselves part and parcel of and feel siblings in a same struggle. From Palestine and Greece people battle fascism -some ones fight Zionism and the others, Golden Dawn.

They are animated. It excites them to know that they have the support of many workers in the world as the oil workers from Las Heras, fighting for their freedom, of which they feel also brothers. They vibrate with the Syrian resistance, which is still alive and with the Palestinian youths who continue to resist the Zionist occupation.

With the arrival of thousands of Syrian refugees in Europe - where many of them left their blood in the Mediterranean escaping a brutal counter-revolutionary genocide - and with the solidarity of European exploited with their class brothers and sisters who arrive, it is already clear that the unity to either side of the Mediterranean against a same foe is a reality and a necessity. That is why there is so much punishment, in the form of genocide, imprisonment and repression. The spark of revolution is alive and could ignite across Europe. The masses in the Middle East don't give up. It is a same fight against imperialism, its transnational and agents, from the old continent to the Maghreb and the Middle East!



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From the tribunals and jails of Syriza

An example of militant internationalism

The rebel youth trembles from emotion with the Syrian revolution

First day of session of imperialist Troika's counter-revolutionary court... 16 December 2015

THE IMPRISONED YOUNG REBELS FEEL PART OF THE SAME STRUGGLE FOR THE FREEDOM OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND VERY CLOSE TO THE SYRIAN RESISTANCE AGAINST GENOCIDAL AL ASSAD

Young Greeks, from the prisons of the Troika and its "left" jailers –the government of Syriza, continue to speak out. They are still voicing their struggle; because no prison is so strong as to keep locked a rebel heart.

These young people are struggling since 2008 for a dignified life... and for a future, which the Greek State and the capitalist imperialist system have denied them. They have stood up and fought against the misery wages which are not enough to make ends meet, and a massive unemployment that reaches 60% for the young people. For this reason the Troika, the Greek bankers and big ship-owners, their Governments and repressive police have got them prisoners. There are more than 50 political prisoners, whom the establishment wants to condemn for life.

Monday, December 14 a hearing was held of a trial being carried out to 12 of these political prisoners, Giorgos Karagiannidis among them. It was in a courtroom in the Korydallos prison where they are jailed. There were fa-

mily members present. I went there as a correspondent.

At the end of the hearing, I could talk to them. It was little time they had, and they decided to take advantage of it to let me know their support for the Syrian masses. They vibrate with the fighting in Syria. They asked me for them. They longed to know more about what was happening with the Syrian masses and were excited knowing that the resistance is still standing and fighting against genocidal Al-Assad.

They rejoiced when they learned that from the battlefields in Syria the fighters supported the struggle for their freedom and for the freedom of all political prisoners in the world. They said that despite the prison bars that keep them locked in, they feel part and parcel of the same struggle with the Syrian masses.

They were excited with joy to see that in several countries past 12 December - Global Day of the persecuted worker- had become an international day for the fight against genocide in



Syria and for the freedom of all political prisoners.

They sent their greetings and support to all those who formed part of those combats, firstly the Syrian masses which are being massacred and the sentenced workers of Las Heras (Argentina), the Palestinian prisoners in Zionist dungeons, miners imprisoned in the Spanish State for fighting and the relatives of the 43 missing Mexican teaching school students who demand justice.

They took their last few minutes to declare that they wanted to be part of coordination with these organizations, because, as told in their words: "it is a constant struggle not only for the freedom of political prisoners, but against the existence of prisons in general and against the unfair system that created them".

They are prisoners of the world working-class... young people inside prisons for whom their main concern is Syria and the triumph of the exploited

masses and their resistance against dog Bashar. They are young people who support all the workers who are fighting against Governments and regimes around the world and are imprisoned, persecuted and repressed... and the few minutes that are available to them for contacting the outside of the prison are used to let know that they are also in this struggle, for they are part of the same struggle... and the same blood runs through their veins...

For a network of international solidarity that will work permanently for Freedom for all young Greeks! Freedom for all political prisoners!

Stop the massacre in Syria by defeating genocidal Bashar Al-Assad and all those who support him!

Leandro Hofstadter

From the tribunals and jails of Syriza

Second day of session of imperialist Troika's counter-revolutionary court... 18 December, 2015

We talk with the political prisoners

"We are with the Syrian masses, because it's a revolution, a same fight that we carry on to change things and have a dignified life"

The trials are going on in Greek prisons against the young rebels. The establishment wants them condemned for life because they fought for a life of dignity, against a State, a Government and a system that deny them the possibility even to have a future.

But despite bars, despite the most infamous prisons as Kori-dallos (on the outskirts of the Greek capital, Athens), these young people remain unwavering. Their slogan, which they always make it known is: "the passion for freedom is stronger than the cells in the prisons".

I was with 12 of them on December 18, in one of the hearings in one of the many trials that are underway against the rebellious youth in Greece. I had already been with them in a pre-trial hearing on Dec 14.

They knew that I had been covering Maghreb and the Middle-East... and therefore when seeing me entering the room, they asked in the first place for the situation in Syria and how the masses and the comrades of the resistance are. They crave to know what happens with them, what is happening there, how things are going. They feel the fight against Bashar Al-Assad as their own; they are for the victory of the revolution.

They made me know the message of their heart... **they are wholeheartedly with the Syrian masses because it is a revolution, which is a same fight that have to change things to re-make them well... to have a life worthy of living. And they say that this is a permanent, inter-**



Bombs on the Syrian cities

"The Syrian masses are whom we must support in the first place because they are now being slaughtered"

national daily fight... and that it is necessary to establish and have effective international coordination, which is the true meaning of solidarity.

That is what they mean when they say it is necessary to construct and integrate **a network of international solidarity for the freedom of all prisoners in the world, and above all and first of all, to stop the genocide in Syria.** They insist that the Syrian masses are which we must support in the first place because they are whom the enemy is massacring.

Seeing in them passion and revolutionary integrity moves me. "First of all, everything for the Syrian resistance" -and that is said by revolutionaries who are in prison.

The world working class has here in Greece and in the dungeons of the Syriza captors - agents of the bankers- the most advanced and conscious detach-

ments against the system of the oppressors...

"Everything for the Syrian resistance, comrades"... they insist.

"Let's build the international network for the prisoners... but everything to the service of the success of the Syrian revolution". It is clear that the fight for their freedom is seen intimately linked to the victory of world revolution.

I'm on the Court, I can see them and their families and here one is breathing revolution, in the noses of these counter-revolutionary courts of the imperialist bankers and its judges who cleared the fascists and have detained the comrades.

They have just some few minutes to exchange words with their family, friends, girlfriends... but they took a couple of minutes to talk with me and to have contact with Syria, with revolutions in the Middle East, with all the struggle of workers

and young militant of the world struggling against prisons and incarceration by bourgeois Governments and regimes.

Because beyond the differences or political views, they claim that in war as in Syria, or when faced with the bourgeois state and its prisons, we are in the same struggle against the same enemy. And in these situations, you have to look for what unites us and not divide the struggle, but strengthen it. That is why it is important and necessary coordination and a permanent fight for the freedom of political prisoners, against massacre and genocide to workers in Syria.

A day of important global struggle took place on 12/12, the international day of the persecuted worker. This is the way along which these young people want to walk and therefore some of them had taken the initiative of calling for a "Black December" from Greek prisons for the release of all political prisoners.

The repression in Greece is very hard... last year there were many arrests... There are more than 50 political prisoners, who now have a "left" jailer, Syriza. But they know that even if the bars of the prisons get stronger they may never capture a rebellious heart and that from outside the prisons we will continue standing, fighting for the freedom of young Greeks and all political prisoners.

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From the prison gates in Koridallos, where Troika and Syriza have the greek rebel youth in jail...

Their family and comrades launch a war cry for the world workers and oppressed:

"The passion for freedom is stronger than any jail!"

It was almost midnight 31 december in Koridallos, outside Athens. There, families, friends, Greek rebel youth gathered outside the prison located in that city to welcome the new year together with the political prisoners. They are in prison for the "crime" of fighting for a decent life and future. They are a symbol of the struggle against the imperialist troika.



Hundreds of people participated despite the wild cold with temperature under zero. Another group of hundreds marched towards Victory Square, near the center of Athens, to receive the new year together with the refugees that concentrated in that square, to give them solidarity, medical aid, not let them alone facing fascism and police that under the government command have begun to detain and even deported them.

Again, the left was absent in both demonstrations. In Korydallos, the demonstration took the flags next to the wall of the men prison. In the flag was written "freedom to the political prisoners". The war cry of the demonstration was to ask for the freedom of all of them, that now their jail keeper is the left of Syriza. The slogan chanted was: "The passion for freedom is stronger than any jail!" And

"the police pigs are the murderers! They are the guardians of the rulers. They just have shit under their helmet. That's why they repress us and they know nothing on freedom".

Freedom to the prisoners! It was claimed stronger and stronger. At midnight the firework started ... sparkler, firecracker and strong chants with the demonstration slogans, so the prisoners could hear them. The idea was that the prisoners could feel that this new year they were with the ones on the other side of the prison's wall, their relatives, friends, comrades and all the ones there fighting for their freedom.

The police forces could not wait any longer and decided to disperse. They shot teargas and bullets so the ones there have to leave the building of the prison Korydallos.

Then, the hundreds of protesters went to the women's prison, in the same building complex, by the wall. It was necessary to receive the new year with the prisoners, with them and the refugees. They are not alone, they won't be. We will keep fighting for their freedom. This was the message to both actions. They were both ending but all the time the same

war cry was shouted: "The passion for freedom is stronger than all the mails! ". Freedom to the Greek rebel youth!

Freedom to all political prisoners! We are all refugees.

It is necessary stop the slaughter in Syria defeating the dog Bashar Al Assad!

Correspondent



December 30, Buenos Aires, Argentina: banner of the youth of "Democracia Obrera" in the anniversary of the Cromañon massacre. They get unified the fight for justice for the 194 youth killed by the Argentinean State with the freedom for the Greek youth imprisoned in the Syriza jails in Greece.